

[The Old Huckelberry Railroad]

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Central Hotell Ninpus Hoss shooer (and) Exp You might take a look down Rose [?] and see [?] all the boys from that target Excursion has gone home and if not walk on up past the old Quarry to [?] clothing store the only one in town stop in at the station house (and) see [?] [?] and see it all the cops got in Frank [?]) Bull run Wiley. Felix McKenner. (and) McCauly [?] like [?] Here is where you cross wonderful stream known as Mill Brook thats the place whare Pete [?] used to kill the cows when the got to old to give milk then you might stop at [?] (and) J. Bowes store if you wanted Groceries and look acrost the street

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at [?] stone yard but dont go in to Hamers Hotel. you might at that stop in Homens Hall. or Hubbels Brewry if you prefer ale you had ought to have stored at [?] [?].

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NEW YORK Forms to be Filled out for Each Interview

FORM A Circumstances of Interview

STATE New York

NAME OF WORKER Wayne Walden

ADDRESS -?- 51 Bank St. New York

DATE August 16, 1938

SUBJECT [HOPWOOD REMINISCENCES?]

1. Date and time of interview August 15, 1938

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2. Place of interview 2140 Honeywell Ave - Home
3. Name and address of informant Wm F. Hopwood, 2140 Honeywell Ave.
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant. Article in Bronx [?] News
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. An apartment house, informant occupying a [??] rooms on 1st floor.

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FORM B Personal History of Informant

STATE Same

NAME OF WORKER Same

ADDRESS Same

DATE Same

SUBJECT Same

1. Ancestry American, of apparently English descent.
2. Place and date of birth 1183 Forest Ave., Bronx, New York.
3. Family Mr. and Mrs. Hopwood - not certain whether others are of the family

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4. Places lived in, with dates
5. Education, with dates Common school-
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates “used to do sign (and) wagon painting
7. Special skills and interests
8. Community and religious activities
9. Description of informant “Hale and hearty”, and 81 years old.
10. Other Points gained in interview